

Cornelius Wortendyke House
Paterson Avenue and Goffle Road
Midland Park, Bergen County, New Jersey

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Cornelius Wortendyke House
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Owners: A. H. Wostbrock, 52 Rea Ave., Midland Park and
H. J. Wostbrock, 72 Erie Ave., Midland Park

Date of Erection: About 1797

Architect:

Builder: Cornelius Wortendyke

Present Condition: Dilapidated

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - sandstone

Exterior walls - coursed red
sandstone

Interior walls - plaster
against outer walls, inner
walls plaster on lath and
studs

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

The first of the Wortendyke family in America was Cornelius Jacobse who came to New Amsterdam in 1639. After his arrival, the surname Somerendyke was assumed. This was the name of the family until the third generation when one group of the descendants adopted the name Wortendyke.

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The first of the family in Bergen County was Frederick who came about 1722. It was his son Cornelius who moved to Newtown later called Wortendyke and now Midland Park in 1796. This house was built on the banks of the Wagaraw Brook which was large enough to provide power for mills. Shortly after the erection of the house a grist mill with its dam and mill pond was erected. In 1812 Cornelius Wortendyke built a large mill for carding wool just back of his grist mill.

The property remained in the Wortendyke family until about 1900 when Robert H. Wortendyke sold to the present owners. During the years from 1812 to 1862, the house was occupied by a family named Lydecker who ran a grist mill and the section was known for a time as "Lydecker's Corners". After 1862 the house was occupied by different tenants of the grist mill until the mill went out of service. The present house was also deserted. The mill was torn down in 1900 to make new additions to the wool carding mill which is still in operation. The house at present is occupied by tenants.

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